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## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

The abstract should read as follows:

A device for cleaning interdental spaces has a tubular guide element having a first profiled open end to allow its positioning at the entry to an interdental space. A cleaning means mounted movably in the tubular guide element, fixed to a first end of a support means, the support means for the cleaning means having a fixed longitudinal direction relative to the axis of the tubular guide element. A gripping means is provided for moving the cleaning means between a first position, in which they are entirely arranged inside the tubular element, and a second position, in which they are arranged entirely outside the first end of the tubular element.